(c) As far as this Ministry is concerned various schemes for economic development in agriculture, animal husbandry, horticulture, rural development, small scale industries, forestry etc. are being implemented under the strategy of the Tribal Sub-Plan (TSP) in the State of Andhra Pradesh to improve the standard of living of tribal people living below the poverty line.

ST status to Bodos and Karbis of Assam

568. SHRI URKHAO GWRA BRAHMA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL
AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to grant Scheduled Tribe status to some more communities living in hills and plains of Assam;

(b) if so, the details of such communities; and

(c) Government's stand on the question of granting same status to the Bodos of hills and Karbis of plains in Assam?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) to (c) There is a proposal to notify the Lalungs of autonomous districts and the Dimasa, Hajong, Singhpho, Khampti and Garo communities in the plain areas as Scheduled Tribes in relation to the State of Assam.There is also a proposal to change the name of the Mikir community to Karbi. The prqcess of consultation with expert agencies on the question of granting Scheduled Tribe status to Bodos of autonomous districts and Karbis of plain areas is not yet complete, as per the modalities approved for deciding such claims.

Land to landless tribals in Kerala

569. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether many tribals in Kerala do not have land of their own;

(b) if so, the total number of such tribals, district-wise;

(c) whether Government are planning to provide land to the landless tribals;

(d) if so, the details of area of fresh land identified for the purpose, district-wise aiong with the details of category of land *viz.* revenue land,

land belonging to public sector companies, land belonging to tribal projects, land allocated for electricity and irrigation projects, etc.; and

(e) by when the above land will be distributed to tribais and the measures taken to retain to ownership of land with tribais?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRIJUAL ORAM): (a) and (b) Land being a State subject, the information is not available with this Ministry.

(c) to (e) There is no such proposal with the Ministry of Tribal Affairs at present. The State Government of Kerala had sent a proposal to this Ministry to provide land with houses to the tribais costing Rs. 7000.00 lakhs in order to rehabilitate them during 2001 -02. The State Government has been informed that this Ministry had no additional provisions for funding such proposal. However, the State Government could implement the project out of the funds allotted to them under the Special Central Assistance to the Tribal Sub Plan to which this Ministry would have no objection.

Proposal for Integrated Watershed Development Project in Gurajat

570. DR. A.K. PATEL : Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Gujarat has sent any proposal regarding Integrated Watershed Development Project for rural poverty alleviation through land based activities;

(b) if so, the status of the proposal; and

(c) by when the proposal is likely to be approved?

THE MINISTER OFTRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) to (c) A project proposal, "Integrated Watershed Development for Rural Poverty Alleviation", for the tribal areas of Sabarkantha and Dahod Districts of Gujarat prepared by the Gujarat State Land Development Corporation Ltd. was forwarded to this Ministry by the Ministry of Agriculture. Government of India.

The project was discussed in joint meetings held in the Ministry of Tribal Affairs and also in the Ministry of Agriculture. The project involves an investment of Rs. 319.15 crores. The organization and the Government of